LEIGH NEWS

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Welcome Back

Welcome to the start of a new academic year. It's been lovely to welcome the children back to school this week and to share in all their summer holiday stories. An especially warm welcome to our new pupils throughout the school; starting a new school is always a daunting experience but I'm thrilled with the way all our new children have settled in so quickly. This is a good opportunity to remind everyone that we operate an open door policy here at Leigh, you are always welcome into school to speak with the staff about any matters concerning your child.

Clubs

The clubs programme will begin again on Monday19th September. There is an opportunity for you to sign your child's name up for the clubs they wish to join in Jessica's Hall after school on Monday and Tuesday of next week. If some clubs are over-subscribed then we will draw names out of a hat on Thursday and let you know whether your child has been successful on this occasion. We will also keep a waiting list for those children who haven't managed to get into the clubs they want. We are again hoping to offer around 20 clubs each week so do come along next week and find out what clubs are on offer this year. In particular we would appreciate another couple of helpers for Football Club after school on a Friday. If you think you might be able to help with this or any other clubs then please do see me in the next few days. Thank you.

Parent Workshops

We have now set the dates for the autumn term parent workshops. This is now the fourth year we will have been running these and they have proved extremely popular with parents. All workshops will be held in Jessica's Hall, will start at 9am and last about an hour.

Wednesday 21st September - Key Stage 2 Maths
Tuesday 27th September – Key Stage 1 Maths
Tuesday 11th October – Key Stage 2 Writing
Monday 17th October – Year 2,3 & 4 Writing/Spelling
Wednesday 19th October – Phonics and Early Writing
Tuesday 8th November – Assessment/Curriculum (all year groups)

School Library

Over the Summer holiday we have made some very pleasing progress on the development of the school library. Although it is not totally finished you will be able to see just how much has been achieved in a relatively short period of time. The library is decorated with some beautiful artwork and Bea Wood's wonderful competition winning sentence: 'Love Books; they have magic in them'. We will be holding an official opening event for the new library in the coming weeks and when we have more details we will let you know.

PTA NEWS

We hope you all had a great summer holiday & are feeling well rested (!). The PTA AGM will take place on Tuesday 20th Sept at 8pm in Jessica's Hall. We will be electing Chairperson, Secretary & Treasurer, along with asking for volunteers of 2 class reps per class. If you are interested in helping to plan & run events that raise much needed money for the school, please do come along! You can be involved as little or as much as you like.

If you are interested in standing for a position on the committee please feel free to contact us for information on what is involved. Speak to Chloe, Mike or Sally in the playground or email us leighprimarypta@gmail.com

Parent Consultations

We have now fixed the dates for this term's Parent Consultations. These will take place on Tuesday 8th November (5.30pm-8pm) and Thursday 10th November (1.30pm – 4.30pm). Further information will be sent out nearer the time.

Term Dates 2016-2017

Term 1 5th September 2016 - 21st October 2016
Term 2 1st November 2016 - 16th December 2016
Term 3 3rd January 2017 - 10th February 2017
Term 4 20th February 2017 - 31st March 2017
Term 5 19th April 2017 - 26th May 2017
Term 6 5th June 2017 - 21st July 2017

INSET Days 31st August, 1st and 2nd September 2016, 31st October 2016, 18th April 2017

2017-2018

Term 1 4th September 2017 – 20th October 2017
Term 2 30th October 2017 - 20th December 2017
Term 3 8th January 2018 - 9th February 2018
Term 4 19th February 2018 – 29th March 2018
Term 5 16th April 2018 - 25th May 2018
Term 6 4th June 2018 – 20th July 2018

INSET Days 1st September 2017, 4th & 5th January 2018, 23rd & 24th July 2018.

The Green

As you may know the village Green is being dug up over the next few months to allow for some much needed drainage work to take place. It might be that we are able to use the far side of it but, until the machinery is in place, we are unsure whether this will be practical. I will of course keep you updated when I have further information.

Events

12.9.16	Clubs Registration Session in Jessica's Hall (3.15pm)
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13.9.16	Acorns Forest School (pm)
14.9.16	Wolves Forest School (pm)
16.9.16	House Meetings
19.9.16	Squirrel Class staying for lunch Young Filmmakers Club Assembly Clubs Start
20.9.16	Hawks Class Forest School PTA AGM in Jessica's Hall (8pm)
21.9.16	Height and Weight Measurements for Yr R and Yr 6 Parent Workshop 1 – Key Stage 2 Maths (9am) Hedgehog Class Forest School
26.9.16	Squirrel Class in full time
27.9.16	Parent Workshop 2 – Key Stage 1 Maths (9am) Robins Class Forest School
28.9.16	Hawks Class Forest School
4.10.16	M&M Theatre Production of The Railway Children Fox Class Forest School
5.10.16	Wolves Class Forest School
6.10.16	Kent Messenger to take Squirrel Class Photo
11.10.16	Parent Workshop 3 – Key Stage 2 Writing (9am) Harvest Festival Service at St. Marys Church (10am) Fox Class Forest School
12.10.16	Hedgehog Class Forest School
17.10.16	Parent Workshop 4 – Years 2/3/4 Writing/Spelling (9am)
18.10.16	Robins Class Forest School
19.10.16	Parent Workshop 5 – Phonics/Early Writing (9am)
	Wolves Class Forest School
21.10.16	End of Term 1
31.10.16	INSET Day
1.11.16	Beginning of Term 2
8.11.16	Parent Workshop 6 - Assessment/Curriculum (9am) Parent Consultations (5.30pm-8pm)
10.11.16	Parent Consultations (1.30pm-4.30pm)
11.11.16	Flu Immunisations for Years 1,2,3 # Act of Remembrance at the village War Memorial
14.11.16	Start of Anti-Bullying Week
18.11.16	Grand Final of the Leigh 'Off By Heart' Poetry Competition
6.12.16	Squirrel Class Nativity Dress Rehearsal to School at St. Mary's Church (2pm)
7.12.16	Squirrel Class Nativity to Parents, Carers and Friends at St. Mary's Church (2pm)
16.12.16	End of Term Service at St. Mary's Church (2pm) End of Term 2
3.1.17	Beginning of Term 3

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar